

of the highest tax rates, 35 percent, simply because they are American businesses.

We are putting our entire business community at a competitive disadvantage in the worldwide market while rewarding corporations that build factories in China and Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, the bill that I have introduced this week will eliminate the irresponsible tax loopholes that move our jobs overseas and use the money saved from that to lower the corporate tax rate by a third. That would help create millions of manufacturing jobs and other jobs here in America.

SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government has decided some people are more special than others. The administration thinks the Wall Street elites are special. The big banks and the big auto industries, well, they are really special and too big to fail, but the administration has decided the blue-collar workers who do the rough work on the oil rigs and provide American energy—just aren't special.

The blue-collar guys don't want handouts like the special interest big shots got. They just want their jobs back.

But the administration not only won't treat these workers special, the administration just took their jobs away because of the offshore drilling moratorium. Now these American jobs are headed to Brazil, Libya and to Egypt.

The drilling moratorium is not based on science, it's arbitrary. Two courts have so ruled. Five Americans are killed on highways every hour. I don't see anyone wanting to close all the roads down.

The deep-water moratorium should end. The offshore workers should get their jobs back, but that's not going to happen any time soon because it's only special treatment for special folks, and they are just not that special.

And that's just the way it is.

SOCIAL SECURITY

(Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join all of America in celebrating 75 years of a bedrock promise to our seniors, to our retirees, of Social Security. That's right, 75 years of Social Security, a promise from one generation to the next generation.

In this country, 6 in 10 seniors rely on Social Security for more than half of their income. Over 6 million children, nearly 1 in 10, receive part of their income from Social Security.

I was one of those young people when my father was disabled. I and my siblings received Social Security to help us continue to support our family in a real time of need. It really is one promise from one generation to the next.

Now, there are some on the other side of the aisle who want to privatize Social Security. They would put Social Security into the stock market, and maybe we would face a year like we have faced in the last couple of years, and retirees would lose a third or more of their income.

But that's not the promise that we make from one generation to another. So this summer I and my colleagues are going to be talking about Social Security. I will be doing it this weekend at a senior forum out in Prince George's County, Maryland. A promise from one generation to the next generation, it's a promise that Democrats plan to honor. It's a promise that we make to the American people, and we will keep that promise no matter what our Republican colleagues try to do.

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DEMOCRATIC AGENDA IS TO SCARE SENIORS

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, once again this morning my Democratic colleagues are trying to scare this country. The facts of the case are that, as a result of the economic downturn of this country because of high taxes and more rules and regulations, more people are unemployed in America today than since the Great Depression. That is what will kill Social Security.

Republicans are not interested in killing Social Security. They are interested in America having a vibrant economic output. They are interested in people being employed and being able to take care of their families. And so perhaps the Democratic message will be to scare seniors and scare people about what Republicans would do to Social Security. Let's get it right: Republicans want to make sure that we have a vibrant economy. We are for Social Security. We support Social Security. I am disappointed that the Democratic agenda is going to be—that we heard about today—to scare seniors about their future.

SOCIAL SECURITY

(Ms. SHEA-PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, some of my friends on the other side of the aisle are always warning the young people of this country that Social Security won't be there for them, so we should just scrap it now, raise the retirement age, and privatize Social Security. They are wrong.

Social Security is critical for those who depend on it. It is essential for the

family who has a loved one who needs disability insurance. It's essential for our senior citizens who paid their whole lives into a system so they would have a safety net when they need it most. However, Social Security is not just a retirement benefit; it's also an insurance program. If a spouse or parent of a child dies, Social Security is there for his or her widow, widower or child. This is not just a retirement program for seniors. It's a social safety net for all of us.

The young people of this country need to know Social Security is there for them and that it can be there in the future, just as it was for generations and for our seniors today. However, we must fiercely defend Social Security from some Republican efforts to privatize funds and gamble it on Wall Street. We must protect and strengthen Social Security, not dismantle it.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3534, CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT OF 2010; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5851, OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS WORKER WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT OF 2010

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1574 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1574

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3534) to provide greater efficiencies, transparency, returns, and accountability in the administration of Federal mineral and energy resources by consolidating administration of various Federal energy minerals management and leasing programs into one entity to be known as the Office of Federal Energy and Minerals Leasing of the Department of the Interior, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in this section and shall not exceed one hour, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that